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To amend the Metropolitan Washington Airports Act of 1986 to provide for reorganization of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and for local review of proposed actions of the Airports Authority affecting aircraft noise.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MORELLA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Metropolitan Washing-
5 ton Airports Act Amendments of 1995”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Section 6002(7) of the Metropolitan Washington Air-
3 ports Act of 1986 (49 U.S.C. App. 2451(7)) is amended—

4 (1) by inserting “declining” after “perceived”;
5 and

6 (2) by striking “the growing local interest,” and
7 inserting “the increasing need for local planning and
8 management on a metropolitan statistical area
9 basis,”.

10 **SEC. 3. AIRPORTS AUTHORITY.**

11 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—Section 6007 of the
12 Metropolitan Washington Airports Act of 1986 (49 U.S.C.
13 App. 2456) is amended by striking subsections (e), (f),
14 (g), and (h) and inserting the following:

15 “(e) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—

16 “(1) APPOINTMENT.—The Airports Authority
17 shall be governed by a board of directors of 11 mem-
18 bers as follows:

19 “(A) 1 member shall be appointed by the
20 Governor of Virginia.

21 “(B) 1 member shall be appointed by the
22 Mayor of the District of Columbia.

23 “(C) 1 member shall be appointed by the
24 Governor of Maryland.

25 “(D) 2 members shall be appointed by the
26 Virginia State legislature.

1 “(E) 2 members shall be appointed by
2 those representatives from Virginia local gov-
3 ernments who are on the Board of Directors of
4 the Metropolitan Washington Council of Gov-
5 ernments.

6 “(F) 2 members shall be appointed by
7 those representatives from the District of Co-
8 lumbia government who are on the Board of Di-
9 rectors of the Metropolitan Washington Council
10 of Governments.

11 “(G) 2 members shall be appointed by
12 those representatives from Maryland local gov-
13 ernments who are on the Board of Directors of
14 the Metropolitan Washington Council of Gov-
15 ernments.

16 The Chairman shall be appointed from among the
17 members by a majority vote of the members and
18 shall serve until replaced by a majority vote of the
19 members.

20 “(2) RESTRICTIONS.—Members (A) shall serve
21 without compensation other than reasonable ex-
22 penses incident to board functions, and (B) must re-
23 side within the Washington Standard Metropolitan
24 Statistical Area.

1 “(3) TERMS.—Members shall be appointed for
2 terms of 4 years.

3 “(4) REQUIRED NUMBER OF VOTES.—7 votes
4 shall be required to approve bond issues and the an-
5 nual budget.

6 “(f) AIRPORT NOISE.—

7 “(1) BALANCED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTEC-
8 TION.—In order to protect the public from the im-
9 pact of aircraft noise and at the same time provide
10 for suitable air transportation service to the Wash-
11 ington Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, a
12 proposed action of the board of directors which could
13 result in a change in the impact of aircraft noise in
14 the vicinity of a Metropolitan Washington Airport
15 may not take unless, at least 60 days before the ac-
16 tion is to take effect, the board of directors—

17 “(A) notifies, in writing, the Committee on
18 Noise Abatement at National and Dulles Air-
19 ports of the Washington Council of Govern-
20 ments of the action for the purpose of allowing
21 such committee the opportunity to review, and
22 submit comments on, the action; and

23 “(B) submits, in writing, to such commit-
24 tee a response to any comment of such commit-

1 tee with respect to the action within 30 days
2 after the date of receipt of such comment.”.

3 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsections
5 (b) and (c), the amendments made by sections 2 and 3
6 shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

7 (b) LIMITATION ON APPLICABILITY.—Persons ap-
8 pointed as members of the board of directors of the Metro-
9 politan Washington Airports Authority on the date of the
10 enactment of this Act shall continue to serve on such
11 board until their respective terms expire under former sec-
12 tion 6007(e).

13 (c) INITIAL APPOINTMENTS.—

14 (1) VIRGINIA APPOINTMENTS.—The Governor
15 of Virginia shall appoint under new section
16 6007(e)(1)(A) a person to fill the vacancy of the
17 first member appointed by the Governor of Virginia
18 under former section 6007(e)(1)(A) whose term ex-
19 pires after the date of the enactment of this Act.
20 The Virginia State legislature shall appoint under
21 new section 6007(e)(1)(D) persons to fill the vacan-
22 cies of the second and third members appointed by
23 the Governor under former section 6007(e)(1)(A)
24 whose terms expire after such date of enactment.
25 Representatives from Virginia local governments

1 shall appoint under new section 6007(e)(1)(E) per-
2 sons to fill the vacancies of the fourth and fifth
3 members appointed by the Governor under former
4 section 6007(e)(1)(A) whose terms expire after such
5 date of enactment.

6 (2) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPOINTMENTS.—
7 The Mayor of the District of Columbia shall appoint
8 under new section 6007(e)(1)(B) a person to fill the
9 vacancy of the first member appointed by the Mayor
10 of the District of Columbia under former section
11 6007(e)(1)(B) whose term expires after the date of
12 the enactment of this Act. Representatives from the
13 District of Columbia government shall appoint under
14 new section 6007(e)(1)(F) persons to fill the vacan-
15 cies of the second and third such members appointed
16 by the Mayor under former section 6007(e)(1)(B)
17 whose terms expire after such date of enactment.

18 (3) MARYLAND APPOINTMENTS.—The Governor
19 of Maryland shall appoint under new section
20 6007(e)(1)(C) a person to fill the vacancy of the
21 first member appointed by the Governor of Maryland
22 under former section 6007(e)(1)(C) whose term ex-
23 pires after the date of the enactment of this Act.
24 Representatives from Maryland local governments
25 shall appoint under new section 6007(e)(1)(G)—

1 (A) a person to fill the vacancy of the sec-
2 ond member appointed by the Governor under
3 former section 6007(e)(1)(C) whose term ex-
4 pires after such date of enactment; and

5 (B) a person to fill the vacancy of the
6 member appointed by the President under
7 former section 6007(e)(1)(D) when the term of
8 such member expires after such date of enact-
9 ment.

10 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
11 nitions apply:

12 (1) FORMER SECTION 6007(e).—The term
13 “former section 6007(e)” means section 6007(e) of
14 the Metropolitan Washington Airports Act of 1986
15 as in effect on the day before the date of the enact-
16 ment of this Act.

17 (2) NEW SECTION 6007(e).—The term “new sec-
18 tion 6007(e)” means section 6007(e) of the Metro-
19 politan Washington Airports Act of 1986, as amend-
20 ed by section 3 of this Act.

